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Section II (Remarks)**Request for Continued Examination**

A Request for Continued Examination is enclosed and submitted herewith, on the basis of which this response is requested to be entered and substantively considered.

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Substance of the September 12, 2007 Interview with Examiner Bueker

The courtesy of the examiner in granting the telephonic interview on September 12, 2007 to applicants' attorney is acknowledged with appreciation. The substance of the interview is accurately reflected in the Examiner Interview Summary issued on September 14, 2007.

Summary of Amendment to the Claims

By the present Amendment, previously withdrawn claims 15-24 have been cancelled, with reservation of the right to file a divisional application directed to the subject matter thereof.

Applicant in such respect hereby rescinds any traversal of the restriction of such withdrawn claims.

In addition, independent claims 1 and 25 have been amended to place the application in condition for allowance.

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Claim Rejections Under 35 USC §112

In response to the rejection of claims 1-4, 8-10, 12-14 and 25-28 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, claims 1 and 25 have been amended herein to delete the recital of moving or rotating surfaces, on which the rejection was based.

The claims as amended thereby overcome the §112 rejection.

Rejections Under 25 USC §103(a)

The Examiner has rejected independent claims 1 and 25, and dependent claims 2-4, 8-10, 12-14 and 26-28 thereunder, on 35 USC 103(a) grounds, as being unpatentable over Stall (5,336,324) or Nagashima (6,473,564), either one taken in view of Mori (JP 04-228562) and Barr (2,447,789).

In reponse, claim 1 has been amended to recite, inter alia,

“a removable sealing lid positioned on and dimensionally coextensive with the top of the thermally conductive block, being in leak-tight contact along its entire peripheral extent with edges of the thermally conductive block for leak-tightly sealing the thermally conductive block to form a closed vessel, and removable for ease of filling the elongated wells, said lid having a single central outlet port therein as the only opening therein for flow out of the closed vessel of vapor deriving from said vapor source material; and

a single vertical central valved outlet passage communicatively connected to the single central outlet port of the removable sealing lid and in vapor flow communication with the interior space, constituting the only outlet passage for discharge of vapor formed in the vaporizer;

wherein said thermally conductive block is not coupled to a surrounding enclosing container.”

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Claim 25 has been correspondingly amended.

Such structure of amended claims 1 and 25 is not derivable from the references, even if the Stall or Nagashima vaporizers were modified by providing them with wells (although no basis for such modification is apparent, since (1) there is no deficiency in vaporization described or apparent in Stall or Nagashima that would cause one to try to modify with wells, and (2) modifying such vaporizers with wells would increase the capital equipment cost and fabrication and manufacturing complexity of the vaporizers of Stall and Nagashima, without any predictable or assured cost benefit).

Stall as thus modified would lack (i) "a single central outlet port therein as the only opening therein for flow out of the closed vessel of vapor deriving from said vapor source material;" (ii) "a single vertical central valved outlet passage communicatively connected to the single central outlet port of the removable sealing lid and in vapor flow communication with the interior space, constituting the only outlet passage for discharge of vapor formed in the vaporizer," and (iii) an apparatus "wherein said thermally conductive block is not coupled to a surrounding enclosing container."

Nagashima as proposed to be hypothetically modified would still include the surrounding enclosing container of casing 71, and would not be an apparatus "wherein said thermally conductive block is not coupled to a surrounding enclosing container."

For such reason, claims 1-4, 8-10, 12-14 and 25-28 are patentably delineated over Stall or Nagashima in view of Mori or Barr.

Claim 13 has been rejected on Stall in view of Mori or Barr, further in view of Witzman, with Witzman being cited for sublimation of fluorine containing source material. Such source material does not change the fact that claim 13, dependent from claim 1, requires the following structural aspects missing from the hypothetical combination of cited references: (i) "a single central outlet port therein as the only opening therein for flow out of the closed vessel of vapor deriving from said vapor source material;" (ii) "a single vertical central valved outlet passage communicatively connected to the single central outlet port of the removable sealing lid and in

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vapor flow communication with the interior space, constituting the only outlet passage for discharge of vapor formed in the vaporizer;" and (iii) an apparatus "wherein said thermally conductive block is not coupled to a surrounding enclosing container."

For these reasons, all pending claims of the present application are patentably distinguished over the art, and such claims are therefore in form and condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, all of Applicants' pending claims are patentably distinguished over the art, and in form and condition for allowance. The examiner is requested to favorably consider the foregoing, and to responsively issue a Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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